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Regional Freedom of Information Officer Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Regional Freedom of Information Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), I request access to and copies of certain records that are in possession of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region 10 and EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

This FOIA request seeks access to and copies of the following records:

- Any correspondence, electronic or otherwise, between the EPA, on the Regional
 or National level, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians from March 1, 2012
 through the present regarding tribal sewage lagoons and/or land application
 activities, including but not limited to disposal, spreading, injecting or otherwise
 disbursing of septage on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation by members of the Coeur
 d'Alene Tribe of Indians or their agents;
- Any correspondence, electronic or otherwise, between the EPA, on the Regional
 or National level, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians from March 1, 2012
 through the present regarding tribal sewage lagoons and/or land application
 activities, including but not limited to disposal, spreading, injecting or otherwise
 disbursing of septage on any other property other than the Coeur d'Alene
 Reservation by members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians or their agents;
- Any meeting transcripts, notes, list of attendees or any other documentation of meetings between EPA personnel, on the Regional or National level, and the members, personnel, legal counsel, agents or any other representatives of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians regarding tribal sewage lagoons and/or land

application activities, including but not limited to disposal, spreading, injecting or otherwise disbursing of septage on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation or any other property by members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians or their agents;

I agree to pay reasonable duplicating, scanning or electronic forensics fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me before proceeding. In the event that the information is available in electronic format, please provide it in that format in lieu of hard copy.

If the information can be electronically mailed, please do so in e-mails no larger than 10 Mb to me at Gregg, Smith@painehamblen.com.

If your office determines all, or some portion, of the requested materials are exempt, I request, in accordance with the Act, that I be provided justification by reference to the specific exemption of the Act, and that I be provided with the remaining non-exempt portions. In this case, I also request the procedures for administrative appeal. I reserve the right to appeal a decision to withhold any information or documents.

Please contact me at (509) 455-5063 or at <u>Gregg.Smith@painehamblen.com</u> if you have any questions about this request. Thank you for your time and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

PAINE HAMBLEN LLP